

INTEREST INCREASES IN GAS PROPOSITION

Work to Be Pushed in Systematic Manner.

MR. TYNG WELL SATISFIED

Names of Others Who Have Signed Contracts.

Interest in the gas proposition is increasing with each day. The people of Wichita are becoming convinced that the company bringing the gas here means business and is ready to begin operations as soon as a sufficient number of contracts are signed and turned in. After this week the work of obtaining signatures to the contract will be placed in charge of P. V. Healy and will be pursued in a systematic and thorough manner. The names of the users of gas will be arranged in alphabetical order and a number of men under Mr. Healy will be given a certain portion of the city to canvass, and there will be no delay until the required number of signatures has been secured. This will be about \$500.

Those in charge heretofore have worked at a disadvantage, from not having had proper assistance in circulating the contracts, and the reason that more people have not signed up is because they have not had the opportunity. Next week the contracts will be presented to every man or woman in the city who buys fuel oil, and it will only be a question of a few days until the full number is secured.

Mr. Healy said last night that a number had come to his office yesterday to sign the contracts, upon learning by the morning paper that he had taken the matter in charge. Mr. Healy stated that he was surprised at the great interest shown by the people, as all seemed anxious to help secure the gas. He does not anticipate its requiring more than a few days to secure the necessary names.

Among the large users that signed the contracts yesterday were: Sheffer & Bretsch, ice and dry cream manufacturers, the Wichita Union Mill company, the Crystal Ice company, the Carey Hotel, the L. Hays Sundry company.

The management here has received a letter from Mr. Tying in which he states that he is well satisfied with the progress being made and that he is quite confident of the success of the undertaking. Some of the company will arrive here this morning to assist in the work and make preparations for the commencement of their part of the work.

L. F. Nafziger said last night: "I think the proposition is moving forward in splendid shape. There is hardly a person but what is anxious to have the gas brought to Wichita. Now that Mr. Healy has taken charge of the signing of the contracts I think it will be only a question of a few days until the required number is secured. I feel very confident of the success of the move."

WOULD LOCATE HERE.

Ohio Concern May Move to Wichita Soon.

Recently the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce received a letter from Edward Christman, manager of a manufacturing company at Massillon, Ohio, in which Mr. Christman made inquiries as to the opportunities here for building a factory. The company ask that ground be given for the erection of their buildings. Mr. Smith replied to the first letter and in answer to his questions received the following:

Massillon, Ohio, May 17, 1904.
G. W. Smith, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Wichita, Kan.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your esteemed favor of the 11th, will say that we are so completely snowed under with work that it is impossible for us to visit your city and look over the situation. However, we will say that the amount of capital we will invest in the plant to manufacture dress-making machinery and supplies will be at least \$15,000. We will also have sufficient capital for operating expenses. The amount of ground we would occupy would not necessarily be very large at the outset, about three acres; however, we would feel that we ought to have plenty of space to enlarge our work as the business grows. The ground would be most suitable along the railroad siding. However, the machinery we will build will be mostly portable and that which is not portable will be knocked down to ship.

We now employ sixteen men at prices ranging from \$15 to \$30 per day, most of \$25 and \$30. Our pay roll last month was a little more than \$1,000. The buildings necessary would be machine shop, blacksmith shop, wood working shop and erecting room, together with a foundry.

In the blacksmith shop it would be necessary to have one or two large steel beamers together with such tools as are usually found in first class shops. In

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the machine shop it would be necessary to have lathes, planer, drill press, etc.

In the wood working department we would need machinery for planing, sawing and working the woodwork to the best possible manner.

We bought more than \$5,000 worth of supplies for our own use last year. This alone would make a very nice account to start with and our business is continually growing in the development line.

We have had eighteen years of practical experience with drills and drill holes, have been almost all over the United States and are acquainted with the machinery and methods of all the prominent drill manufacturers and have designed and built a machine which has more good points than any other machine which is offered at the present time.

Yours truly,
EDWARD CHRISTMAN.

ANOTHER BIG CROWD.

Carnival Grounds Were Packed Again Last Night.

Despite the fact that the grounds were muddy in some places, everybody, with their friends who were in from the country, was at the Carnival grounds last night. The entire Pike was literally packed. Everybody was hurrying to get to some other part of the ground, and nobody was going anywhere in particular.

As is customary, everybody was good natured. In fact, there were any amount of people who were laughing simply because other people were laughing. They strolled through mud puddles, let others tramp on their toes and in turn tramped on those of some one else, and let the girls poke fun at the boys and vice versa in their mouths and didn't even kick when some one would knock their hat off and rub the all-pervading confetti through their hair. Every one was there for a good time, and they had it. The business man forgot his worries and work and grunted and groaned. The mother who had been staying at home all week to let the children come had their father stay at home with them last night and she went to the show.

Everybody went early and stayed late. And thus it is and ever will be. Carnival time is then trouble and care are forgotten in the lighter side of life. The more substantial things of everyday life give way to the wonders of the side show and are reluctantly resumed at the close of the week's festivities.

"The Girl from Abilene" is still exciting admiration with the beautiful life pictures at the movies. This feature is all that was claimed for it and is a pleasant picture to remember.

The Willards, in the Palace of Music, are certainly artists in their line. The instruments used are unique and difficult, but each is handled in a way that leaves no room for criticism. The vocal solo by Miss Willard, to the accompaniment of the sweet-toned chimes, is very effective. In the four-hand piece where in 20 little pieces of wood are used, the execution is something commendable. The different numbers here are indeed interesting and instructive.

The great question, however, that confronts the show-going public in connection with the Carnival is, "How old is Ann?" The difficulty encountered in answering this question would seem to be great, judging from the faces of those who investigate the matter. If anyone has been able to solve the question, they won't tell, and so the matter is still a mystery.

The lady who "loos the loop" excites the admiration and wonder of all who witness the trying feat. It looks easy, but no one has been able to express a desire to place themselves within the ball and be turned loose down the incline.

In fact, all the attractions are good, some of them exceptionally so. The greatest fault to be found is that the seating facilities of some of the tents is very poor.

The Young Ladies' Athletic club has the exclusive sale of the confetti and are doing an immense business. About \$50 worth was disposed of yesterday. From all parts of the ground can be heard the cry of "confetti—confetti—confetti" and there are plenty of buyers. The ground is literally covered with it.

Today is the last day of the Carnival, and tonight's performances will close a busy and enjoyable week. All of the free attractions will be given at the hours heretofore stated and all shows will give complete performances.

CHAUTAUQUA CIRCLES.

The West Side C. L. S. C. meets with Miss Howes, 1211 West Douglas avenue, Wednesday, May 25.

Hell Call—Who's Who in American Sculpture?
Racial Composition—Mr. Carpenter.
Pembroke—Mrs. Carpenter.
Deephaven—Mrs. Collins.
Colonel Carter of Carterville—Miss Randall.
The Grandissimes—Miss Howard.

THREE PEOPLE ARE INJURED

SEATS CONTAINING FIFTY CO. LAPSE AT SHOW ON THE PIKE.

Mrs. W. Scott, Mrs. Cupp and Miss Mildred Smith Taken to Their Homes in Vehicles.

Seats containing perhaps fifty people in attendance at the dog and pony show on the Pike collapsed about 6:30 o'clock last night and precipitated every one on them to the ground below. Three women received severe bruises and were taken to their homes in vehicles.

Wet grounds are given as the cause of the accident. That fact, coupled with the crowded condition of the seats, it is thought, caused the poles sustaining the seats to turn and thereby collapse.

Immediately following the accident there was a confused heap of lumber, legs, arms, dresses, etc. For five minutes afterward the occupants of the tent rearranged their wearing apparel and examined themselves for injuries. Many received bruises, but not a serious injury was reported.

The following is a list of those who were hurt the worst:

Mrs. W. Scott, sprained ankle and slight bruises about the body. She was taken to her home in an ambulance.
Miss Mildred Smith, severe bruises about the legs. The skin was stripped from the flesh in several places two and four inches long. She was taken to her home in a cab.

Mrs. A. L. Cupp, several bruises about the body and both legs were badly skinned. Was taken home in a cab.

All three of the women injured occupied seats about half way up the elevation. When the accident happened they were precipitated upon those below and at the same time those above fell down upon them. The damage to the seats was slight and was repaired in a short time.

The show opened for business within an hour after the accident.
C. M. Irwin, president of the Fair association, took charge of all the injured persons personally and provided vehicles for all those who were in no condition to walk home. Mr. Irwin also procured a physician who examined those injured, and reported no serious mishaps as a result of the accident.

TOLER IN EL RENO.

Wichita Man Would Build Opera House in Oklahoma.

The following clipping was taken from an El Reno paper:

The subject of building an opera house in El Reno is again under discussion. H. G. Toler, of Wichita, proprietor of the Toler Auditorium in that city, is here, and a conference of leading citizens was held this afternoon to consider the question.

Mr. Toler came here with the intention of leasing the El Reno opera house, but soon learned that the old establishment was closed, permanently. He is the practical owner of the Rock Island circuit, which is composed of the Rock Island towns between Wichita and Fort Worth, and is deeply interested in having a good amusement hall in El Reno, which is decidedly the best show town on the circuit. He favors the erection of an opera house here, and if proper encouragement is extended he will see that one is built in the city before the opening of the theater season.

Several months ago a gentleman named Johnson submitted a proposition to the people of the city, which was accepted and its terms complied with. Ten thousand dollars worth of tickets were sold for the first performance, but thus far Johnson has not made a move toward fulfilling his part of the contract. The transfer of that subscription list would, in all probability, result in the building of an opera house of which El Reno might well feel proud.

Klentz Funeral Today.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. M. E. Klentz, who died of pneumonia Thursday afternoon, will be held at 10:30 a. m. today from the residence, 1601 North Main street. Interment will be made at Maple Grove.

Rev. S. Edmund Green, pastor of the Second Congregational church at Fairbury, Conn., has sued Arthur M. Patchen, a member of his church, for libel, claiming that the defendant publicly called him a liar.

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NEWS FROM ALL THE RAILROADS

Freight Car Does Remarkable Gymnastic Turn

RUNS 2,700 FEET ON TIES

Items of Interest About Different Employes.

News of what is seemingly the most improbable railroad story ever told arrived at the local offices of the Santa Fe yesterday morning. A freight car attached to a mixed train is said to have the track south of Wichita Thursday night while the train was running 25 miles an hour, and was not brought to a standstill until 2,700 feet, or over one-half mile, had been traversed by the entire train.

The car was one of three freight boxes attached to Panhandle train No. 501, which left Wichita at 8:15 p. m., in charge of Conductor Robert Loosley. It was while they were running at a high rate of speed between Mulvane and Belle Plaine that the trainmen noticed something wrong with the train. The engineer was signaled to stop and the cars were examined. Every wheel of a freight car containing merchandise was off the track and an investigation found that the car had run on the ties for a distance of over half a mile. A investigation of the running gear found no breaks in any of the mechanicals but the car was laid out at Wellington for investigation. What caused the car to leave the track is a mystery.

NEW LINE CHARTERED.

Fort Smith, Indian Territory and Texas Road to Be Built.

Another new line has been chartered for the southwest, to be called the Fort Smith, Indian Territory and Texas. The line has been chartered to run from Fort Smith, Ark., to Denison, Tex. It will cross the Red river at Red Oak, L. T., and will connect with the Kansas City Southern at Panama, I. T. The final survey has been made for the new line and all is in readiness now for its construction. One of the most productive sections of Arkansas and Indian Territory will be pierced by this road. Along its proposed line can be found coal, rich farms, cotton, lumber and oil in abundance. The level of the country is such that it will not be a difficult task to build the road.

AFTER TICKET SCALPERS.

Changes Will Be Made to Prevent Sale of Stock Passes.

The passenger officials of the Santa Fe have been selected by the western trunk line committee to act in conference with officials from several other western roads in making war on the ticket scalpers. Since it has been decided to issue return transportation tickets, it will be necessary to make some changes to prevent the manipulation and misuse of these tickets by brokers.

LINK AND PIN.

F. H. Carpenter, roadmaster of the Wichita and Western and the Hutchinson and Southern branches of the Santa Fe, is in the city.

Thomas Peters, a Santa Fe conductor, of Newton, is in Wichita attending the carnival.

Conductor Krapp of the Santa Fe, who has been running on the Strong City branch, is now operating trains Nos. 46 and 47 through Wichita.

Ed. Finney, conductor on the Wichita and Western branch of the Santa Fe, is improving after a week's illness. Joseph McIntyre is taking charge of his run. O. R. Smith of Wellington is performing Conductor McIntyre's duties on the Wichita and Western mixed local.

Thomas Ball is the name of a new switchman in the Santa Fe yards.

A. A. Hankins, agent of the Santa Fe at Kingman, is in Wichita on business.

General Superintendent Raney of the Frisco arrived in Wichita by his special.

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6 Pounds Tapioca	25c
7 Pounds Bulk Oatmeal	25c
Crackers, by the box	6c
6 Pounds of Bulk Starch	25c
25 Ounces K. C. Baking Powder	15c
Eggs, per dozen	13c
Fancy Butter, per pound	18c
8 Pounds Nails	25c
1 Pound Soda	5c

815-817-819 West Douglas Ave., West Side

France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and the United States, those from Great Britain have been even more noticeable.

Within the cylinder of the telephone is a small, dry cell, the whole apparatus (including both receiver and mouthpiece) being small enough to go into the pocket. With each instrument is a coil of thin copper wire, and it is reckoned that a soldier could easily carry 12,000 feet of this wire with him.

The uses suggested for the portable telephone are innumerable, military communications being especially to the front. Outposts, it is declared, could by its aid keep in constant communication with the main force, and it is pointed out that it would furnish a valuable means of keeping in touch with headquarters for

police and fire brigades. For uses between railway coaches on a moving train, for engineers at work underground or on great public works, for steamers, for cyclists, and in many other fields it would be most desirable—New York Commercial.

Professor C. F. Burgess and Carl Ham-bouch of the University of Wisconsin, have discovered a process for making pure iron similar to that for refining copper. The cost, it is said, will not exceed one cent per pound.

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IMITATION UNDERESSED KID, LISLE AND SILK GLOVES, short, medium and elbow lengths, in champagne, pongee, cream, grey, black and white shades; former price \$1.19. Today .89c.

\$1.25 GLOVE FOR 95c—Beautiful quality, regular sizes to elbow lengths, in imitation undressed kid; net, golf, plain black, etc.; every new shade. Today .95c.

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AN IMMENSE VARIETY O KIMONAS in fine lawns, in very pretty and exclusive designs; in all shades of color; sizes from 22 to 24; our 50c grade. Today .29c.

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SPECIAL WRAPPER OFFERING. In fine dimity lawns, made with two deep bounces, full sleeve, fancily trimmed in velvet ribbon binding. sold always for \$1.25. Today .75c.

We have over 50 different qualities and designs in Wrappers to show you.

CHILDREN'S HOBIERY—Fast Black Heavy School Hose, these were 12 1/2c. Today 8 for .25c.

MISSIE'S FINE RIBBED COTTON HOSE, 15c value, 2 for .25c.

BOYS' BUCKSKIN HEAVY RIBBED COTTON HOSE, double knees; 25c is their price. Today .19c.

MISSIE'S CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' HOSE, very fine ribbed, extra weight, splendid to wear, 25c is their price also. You get them today for .19c.

Ladies' Summer Underwear

A SPECIAL VALUE IN LADIES' FINE LISLE THREAD VESTS, silk taped neck, round, square or V-shaped neck; their actual value is 25c. For today only .15c.

LADIES' GAUZE VESTS, in white, silk tape neck, full size, fine thread. Today 2 for .25c.

LADIES' GAUZE VESTS in white, full size, only .10c.

LADIES' WHITE RIBBED COTTON VESTS, 6 for .25c.

SOFA PILLOW TOPS AT A GREAT BARGAIN, in fancy stamped colored floral designs for outlining. Persians, new faces from the beauty court. These were all 50c. Today .35c.

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL LINE in a popular grade, finely finished; all the 25c tops, for .19c.

OXFORD SHOES—We have opened a new line of splendid Oxford Shoes, the Chautauqua brand. Did you ever wear them? If not, it will pay you. They are not to be equalled for wear, style or comfort. The same grade of shoe is sold all over for \$2.00. We cut the price to .25c.

We can show you splendid values in \$1.50 and \$2.00 OXFORDS that never fail to please both in price and quality.

Special Waist Goods Sale

WHITE WAIST GOODS with very pretty fancy striped novelties; dainty figures, mercerized finish, our original 25c fabrics. Today .17c.

100 PIECES OF WHITE INDIA LINONS, very fine quality; worth 12 1/2c. Today only .8c.

SILK MULLS in every shade, cream, champagne, white, grey, blue; plain and fancy effects; embroidered cords, silk; beautiful fabrics for graduating gowns and summer wear. This line we were selling for 50c to 60c. Today's special price .39c.

COTTON RICE VOILES, for shirt waist suits, in green, white, cream, pink; special to-day .20c.

KOKOI COTTON VOILES, in grey, blue, red and tan mixtures; 15c fabric for .12 1/2c.

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